Deviations from Rules for S.S. Bhatnagar Awards

1152. SHRI ASHOK MITRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of reports concerning deviations from normal rules for the S.S. Bhatnagar Awards announced for this year;

(b) whether the matter has been enquired into; and

(c) in case, such an enquiry has already substantiated the allegations the measures proposed to avoid repetition of similar incidents in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER's OFFICE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY, SPACE AND MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI): (a) to (c) A report had appeared in the press expressing concern that the S.S. Bhatnagar Prize for the year 1995 in Physical Sciences was awarded in violation of the laid down eligibility condition which stipulated that the prize be awarded on the basis of contributions made primarily for work done in India during the 5 years preceding the year of prize. The matter has been gone into and it is observed that in Science (particularly in theoretical work, as was the case this year), it takes a while before the impact of the work is felt. Since scientific research is a continuous activity, it becomes imperative for the High-Powered Committees to give weightage to the work done prior to the specified period also to assess the overall impact of the work. Considering the fact that the eligibility condition stipulates the award to be given for the work done primarily during the past five years but not essentially or exclusively for that period, the High-Powered Committee, therefore, used its discretion this time, but adopted quality and excellence as the sole criteria while making recommendations.

However, as a special measure and also to bring in more clarity, the stipulations for the award of Bhatnagar Prizes would be clearly spelt out to the Chairmen of the High-Powered Committees by a special briefing by the Director-General, CSIR, in future.

Amendment of Rules made under IRCS Act

1153. DR. B.B. DUTTA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken to amend the rules made under section five of the IRCS Act describing the procedure for election of 12 members from State branches through an electoral college;

(b) the steps taken to amend the rules to remove anomalies and contradictions and to ensure that the rights of all the State/UT branches to have direct representation in the National Managing Body is restored before reconstitution of the Managing Body; and

(c) the steps taken to amend rules to remove inequalities in matters of grouping of States, UTs in four regions for the purpose of election of three members from each region?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A.R. ANTULAY): (a) According to the information received from the Indian Red Cross Society (IRCS), its Managing Body, in exercise of the powers conferred by Section five of the IRCS Act and with the approval of the President of the Society, has framed the Indian Red Cross Society—(Constitution of Managing Body) Rules, 1992. There is no proposal, at present, to amend the said Rules.

(b) According to the information received from IRCS, its Managing Body has been reconstituted in accordance with the said Rules. As prescribed

therein, an Electoral College consisting of one elected representative each from State and Union Territory Branch Committee is constituted for electing twelve members to the Managing Body of IRCS. Fair opportunity is given to all the State and U.T. branches to send their representative to the said Electoral College for electing members, among themselves, in a democratic manner.

(c) According to the information received from IRCS, it is incorrect to say that there is any inequality in grouping of States. Four regions have been constituted with the provision that not more than three members shall be elected from each region. It has been also provided that no member elected to the Managing Body of IRCS under the said Rules shall hold office continuously for more than two terms.

Assets under JRY

1154. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that durable assets are created under the Jawahar Rojgar Yojna (JRY) by providing employment to agricultural and rural labourers and other rural poor in the country;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) how many such durable assets were created in Maharashtra during the last three year, year-wise and district-wise;

(d) whether any priority under JRY has been fixed for the State during the remaining period of Eighth Plan; and

(e) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION) (SHRI VILAS BABURAO MUTTEMWAR): (a) and (b) while providing wage employment to the rural poor under JRY, durable assets are also created in the form of rural roads, school buildings, panchayat ghars, sanitary latrines, houses under JRY, houses (under Indira Awas Yojana), drinking water wells/ponds, wells (under Million Wells Scheme), etc.

(c) The information on district-wise assets created under JRY is not maintained at the central level. Details of year-wise assets created in Maharashtra during last three years is as per statement enclosed. (*See* below).

(d) and (e) State-wise priority in the form of allocation and targets under JRY are fixed at the beginning of each financial year depending upon allocation and targets at the national level. As such, allocation and targets during the remaining period of the Eighth Plan for Maharashtra will be decided on the basis of allocation and targets at the all India level.

Statement

Assets Created Under JRY in Maharashtra

Year	Const. of Vill. Tanks (NOS)	Dringing Water Wells/ Ponds (NOS)	Rural Roads (KMS)	School Buildings (NOS)	Construc-tion of Houses (JRY) (NOS)	Panchay-at ghars (NOS)	Mahila Mandals (NOS)	Sanitary Latrines (NOS)	Construc-tion of Wells Under M.R.S (NOS)	Construc-tion of Houses Under IAY (NOS)
1992-93	319	2954	5250.00	3718	3852	1111	99	1911	6739	8778
1993-94	277	1951	4634.00	4492	3183	1185	309	1937	5284	18870
1994-95	205	1923	5894.65	4415	1938	1311	96	2926	6322	22812